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In re application of

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STORAGE COMPONENT AND STORAGE SYSTEM

AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Official Action of December 29, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 12 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 13 of this paper.

An **Appendix** is attached following the signature page of this paper.